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FOR EGAT/ESP - M. GRIFFIN-WILLIAMS
EGAT/ESP - CHARLES BARBER

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SUBJECT: COUNTRY CLEARANCE TO TRAVEL TO DOMINICA FOR DR. CHARLES
BARBER

REF: SECSTATE 172460

11. Embassy Bridgetown grants country clearance to Dr. Charles
Barber, Environmental Advisor, to travel to Dominica for the period
October 29 to November 5, 2006.

12. The purpose of the travel is for Dr. Barber to assist in the
implementation of the USAID-funded project "Commercialization of
Nutraceuticals to enhance sustainable agriculture in limited
resource Caribbean Farming Communities".

13. Understand Embassy assistance is not required. If you have any
questions, please contact James L. Goggin at Tel.(246)228-8070 or
Fax. (246) 228-8589.

14. Entry requirements: Mission policy is that all USG travelers to
the region be in possession of a valid U.S. passport. Visas are not
required for stays of up to three weeks for tourist/business travel.
Visas are not required for stays up to one month for
diplomatic/official travel and your passport must be valid three
months beyond intended stay. There is a departure tax 27.00 ECD
(Eastern Caribbean Dollars) or 10.00 U.S. dollars.

15. The following is general information pertaining to security and
health considerations throughout the Eastern Caribbean:

Security

In the Eastern Caribbean, foot travel outside of well-established
tourist areas is not generally recommended, especially at night. Be
vigilant when using public telephones or ATM machines near roadsides
or quiet areas. As in many U.S. metropolitan areas, wearing
expensive jewelry, carrying expensive objects, or carrying large
amounts of cash should be avoided. Visitors should also safeguard
valuables while at the beach. While hotels are generally safe, many
visitors have experienced loss of unattended items. Hotel
burglaries are not uncommon and all valuables should be locked in
room safes if possible.

Health Information

Throughout the Eastern Caribbean, the most likely threat to a
visitor's health is sunburn. It takes several weeks to become
accustomed to the heat and humidity. Prolonged exposure to the sun,
without protection, causes sunburn and may ultimately result in
sun-damaged skin or even skin cancer. Sunscreens should be used for
protection. In Barbados, St. Lucia, and St. Vincent the major
health threat is dengue fever, transmitted by mosquito. Dengue
cases are most often seen in the summer months. Persons should
therefore protect themselves with insect repellent. There is also a
growing number of HIV/AIDS cases reported. The Eastern Caribbean
enjoys clean and safe drinking water. Only routine boosters for
immunizations (i.e. tetanus, diphtheria, and oral polio vaccine) are

required when traveling to this region. Barbados has the best medical facilities of all the islands in the region and most of the medical specialties have practitioners here.

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